

file traces on ZIMMER, Lt. Dr. Guido

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1. Espionage agencies in Milan. Via Dante 14. ^{German} The/CE office directed directed by Lt. Dr. ZIMMER operates as the TEAM textile firm. A number of Italians take part in this activity. Principal function is the preparation of a Fifth Column and of a self-styled clandestine patriotic committee maneuvered by the Germans in opposition to the C.L.N.
- XX-1482 10/20/44 "CE Information, Bulletin No. 6, Intelligence Svc. C.L.N.A.I." page 2.
2. Fluegel.....worked for ZIMMER of Abt. VI who would send work to her home. Reports she translated were signed "GIORGIO". The author had a number of sub-sources: NANDO; Anw. B.; Banking Circles; Industrial Contact with CLN.

GIORGIO's reports dealt with economic, political and morale questions. Several reports were on conditions in AOT.

These reports ceased and, in February or March, 1945, were replaced by those of the Spanish Consul General in Milan, Sig. CHANTAL.

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JZX-1509 6/20/45 "Information on Reports made by Agents to SS Sturmbannfuhrer ZIMMER, Abt. VI, Milan". SCI Z Rome report to AC of S G2, CI, AFHQ. Paras. 4, 5, 6.

3.personnel remembered by Subject: Abt. VI: Located in villa near Via Marengo. ZIMMER Guido C.O. (Is under RAUFF and had little connection with the other sections in Milan).

JRX-463 5/27/45. "Preliminary Interrogation Report of Walter GRADSAK, AUSSSENKDO MILAN Abt. IV/3 (Gestapo". SCI Z Rome to AC of S G2, CI, AFHQ. Paras. 6 & 12.

4.Abt. VI was first set up in Milan in Feb 44 under ZIMMER, with the task of building up a post-occupational network and procuring political information from abroad. (para. 2-d)

ZIMMER had already prepared a network of agents, of whom Source knows about five, when DON BARBARESCHI, who had been arrested and then released to be returned to Switzerland, informed ZIMMER that his post-occupational plans were well known to the Allies and mentioned certain details which convinced him that he would have to start again with a new network. The existing network was in fact scrapped according to Source.

The setting up of a new network did not get beyond the planning stage and the renting of a flat (location unknown) because during the last eight weeks prior to the surrender ZIMMER was fully occupied with the surrender negotiations and all Abt VI work in Milan came to a standstill. (para. 2-e).

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On 15 Feb 45 SS Obgf WOLFF expressed the wish to have some means of establishing contact with the Allies in Switzerland. Source discussed the matter with ZIMMER, and it was agreed to nominate PARILLI, whom ZIMMER knew in a purely personal way from Genoa. ZIMMER had never had any intelligence dealings with PARILLI before.

Source himself took part in these negotiations, going to Switzerland (Lugano) end Feb-beg Mar 45 accompanied by ZIMMER, where he negotiated with Professor HUSSMANN and Major WEIBL of the Swiss I.S. (para. 5-g)

Interrogation Report on SS Standarten-fuehrer RAUFF Walther - JRX-1000 CSDIC/SC/15AG/SD 11. 5/29/45.

5. In Apr 45 Oberstuf ZIMMER was transferred from Genoa to Milan to start Abt. VI. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ (para. 2)

ZIMMER. Ostuf. Head of ~~the~~ Abt VI Aussenkdo Milan. Description well-known. (MILAN - Mar 45). (Para. 8 - Personalities).

XX-8386 5/22/45. ~~Interrogation~~ CSDIC/SC/15AG/SD 6. Interrogation Report on SS Hauptsturmfuehrer SCHOENFELG, Egon.

6. Subject noted that SEGNA, KANATZ and others whom SEGNA introduced as his colleagues, such as ZIMMER, were doing little work and spent most of their time in good living. (Feb-Mar 45).

Para H-17. JRX-475. "Interrogation Report of Novella de SAVORGNANI". SCI Z Rome Report 6/9/45 to AC of S, G 2, CI, AFHQ.

7. BRUNI:- W/T agent. Sent by MICHELSEN to ZIMMER in Milan in March 1945.

Personality #7, JRX-554 6/28/45. "Interrogation Report ENNEMOSER Frida (Widow DANESE)", SCI Z Rome to AC of S G 2 CI AFHQ.

8. At an Abt VI conference in Verona in Nov 44, Hauptsturmfuehrer ZIMMER, Abt VI, Gruppe Oberitalien West, suggested that a certain Baron Parilli should be sent to Switzerland to open contact with Allied circles. This plan was given the code name of "Operation Wool". Berlin was informed of the proposal, and by end Nov had agreed in principle

Page 14, Para iii, XX-8568, ~~Sixth~~ CSDIC/CMF/SD 25, 6/21/45, Sixth Detailed Interrogation Report on SS Stbf HUEGEL, Dr. Klaus.

9. Driving from Como to Milan, subject gave a ride to Obstf ZIMMER, CO of Amt VI of Aussenstelle Milan, whom he met on this occasion for the first time. They did not talk during the trip, ZIMMER watching out for plane attacks. Subject knows only vaguely that ZIMMER belonged to the SD of Milan. (refers to March 1945). (Para. D-13).

..... on 28 April an Allied agent with radio was expected at the Liechtenstein frontier at Feldkirch in connection with the surrender negotiations. Obersturmfuehrer ZIMMER (whom subject thus met for the second time) and the expected Allied agent arrived at 0200 hours, coming from the direction of Switzerland. ZIMMER went back to Switzerland while the agent boarded subject's car. He was known under the name of "WALTHER"

Paras. E-16, 17, JRX-597, 8/10/45,
Interrogation Report of Hans LEIMER,
suspected of contact with Abt VI, AKO,
Milan. SCI Z Rome to AC S G2 CI AFHQ.

10. RAUFF referred source to ZIMMER, head of Abteilung VI at Milan, and the latter contacted Amt VI in Berlin concerning the possibility of allowing MONTANELLI's wife to return to her parents at Innsbruck and then to join her husband in Switzerland. ZIMMER later told source that either he or VERONA would take the matter up, but nothing came of the project (refers to second plan, Autumn 1944, ~~1/2~~ of Dr. UGO to penetrate Allied I.S. in Switzerland).

Page 4, Para 2-b, XX-8652, 6/24/45,
CSDIC/C.F/SD 30, Second detailed Interro-
gation Report on SS Hptstbf SAEVECKE,
Theodore.

11. Subject was important element at the German Hqs. in Via Cerva 39, Milan, under Captain HAUG at one time in Foreign Legion contacts with DARNAND and his associates maintained liaison in Switzerland with General GIRAUD's group

Subject had frequent dealings with Lt. ZIMMER, especially after HAUG's departure, and with a German Major, who often came to Milan from Verona to confer with Zimmer.

JZX-3035, 8/28/45, YEUREMOVIC Miodrag
alias DELLA CROCE Riccardo alias DEL CRUZ.
SCI Z Rome to OC CSDIC ROME, CMF.

12. In July 1941, Subject became Lt. ZIMMER's maid in Rome. ZIMMER at that time occupied an apartment in Via Gaspare Spontini 24 ZIMMER told Subject he was a journalist. (para. 5)

In October 1941, ZIMMER left with his family for Berlin.
(para. 6)

ZIMMER frequently entertained a German woman who worked at the German Embassy and whose name Subject believes to be Felicita BURKART. ZIMMER spent a lot of time with her and also dictated many reports to her. (para. 7)

Col. KAPPLER of the SS was another frequent visitor. Members of the German Embassy, both Army people and civilians were often present.
(para. 8)

In January 1945 Subject received a letter from ZIMMER asking if she would work for him in Milanhis apartment at Via Cimarosa 22.
(para 15)

During the first few days, ZIMMER had his family with him but they returned to Germany in early February 1945. From then on, ZIMMER led a gay life entertaining many women, whose names Subject vaguely remembers as being: FRANCA, AMELIA, GIANNA, ANGELA, VANDA, MARIA.
(para. 16)

Subject remembers that ZIMMER had a secretary whose name was "RENATA". Living with him also was a Lt. HINA.
(para 17)

Dr. SEGNA, who lived in Cernobbio was a frequent visitor as was also a woman whom Subject believes to be an agent, as she was very careful about not revealing her identity. description 1.70 m; dark complexion; 40; nervous; tick in eyes ; spoke Italian with southern accent. Also spoke German.
(para 18, Appendix "A")

Another visitor was an Italian Professor of Chemistry, who came from Bolzano and who was generally accompanied by an interpreter. A person whose description would seem to correspond with that of TRINCHERO was another frequent guest.
(para. 19)

Subject also remembers another man who lived in Corso Vercelli. He was always accompanied by a beautiful woman and came to get instructions from Major HAAS in Parma. (para. 20)

In early April 1945, ZIMMER had as guest in his house a W/T operator who seemed to be either American or English and whose name was WOTT (Walter?) SMITH. He had a W/T set with him. On 24 April 1945, he and ZIMMER left in a car. ZIMMER told subject to wait for him at the ~~apartment~~ apartment as he would be back in ten days ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~..... He never returned. (para 21)

Subject adds that ZIMMER's chauffeur was Elio GASPERINI, and that he was sent on a vacation on 10 April as ZIMMER did not trust him. (para. 23)

JRX-608, 9/3/45. Interrogation Report
of Rosa CAPPELLI, Maid of Lt. Guido
ZIMMER. SCI Z Rome.

13. In early May, 1944, Dr. Guido ZIMMER arrived in Milan with a German secretary and took over the apartment at Via Cimarosa 22. All the inhabitants of Villa Luzzati in Via Marengo (a group connected with persecution of Jews and sequestration of their property, consisting of: SAEVEKE, Captain (arrested); KOK (arrested); TIMM, radio operator (arrested); HOFFENBOCK, Ernesto, and interpreter from Innsbruck; RIZZI (killed by Partisans)) came to call on him.

In Genoa ZIMMER's work had consisted of spying on and tracking down Jews. In Milan, although he had an SS office and acted as head of the police, he began ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ trafficking in goods and made a great deal of money which enabled him to live in luxury.

Except when ZIMMER's family were staying at the villa, the place was filled with women, both German and Italian. One of ZIMMER's mistresses was a Dutch woman, Giaklin POTZ, who appeared to work for the Germans. It is believed that she can now be located at her villa on the Lake of Pusiano.

One of ZIMMER's collaborators was Baron PARRILI, brother-in-law of Count POSS who lives at No. 50 Corso Monforte. Another was Carletto ROSSI, Via degli Arditi 39. ZAMBELLI was in charge of obtaining food and other supplies.

ZIMMER worked on repatriation of Italians who had been interned in Germany, but only occupied himself with cases concerning members of wealthy families. He also made connections with a group of partisans through having saved ~~xxx~~ Colonel MINETTI of the Gruppo D'Annunzio from death.

In early November 1944 ZIMMER joined with SS members Dr. FIASCETTI and Kucki BRUCKNER in trafficking in stolen goods. This partnership came to an end in January, 1945, probably as a result of ZIMMER's first efforts at saving his skin by contacting partisans and even American elements.

In early April, 1945, ZIMMER got rid of his friends and, as sole occupant of the third floor, had an American by the name of WALTER,

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with a transmitting set. WALTER was visited off and on by a compatriot, and remained hidden there until he escaped to Switzerland on 16 April in a car driven by a certain AROSIO from Cernobbio.

ZIMMER left for Switzerland two days earlier by automobile, crossing the border, it is believed, at Ponte Chiasso.

JZX-4039 9/11/45, Guido ZIMMER, CO, Abt VI, AKO Milan, BB8 to DHA.

14. After May, 1944, Subject was requested by ZIMMER to do the same work as an agent in Switzerland. (para.22)

..... Nor can she be heard (sic) to pass off lightly her dealings with such notorious SD and SS officials as Col. Dollman, Kappler, ~~Engel~~ Engel, ZIMMER, and Huegel. She claimed only to have seen them a few times and then merely to ask personal favors of them. (para. 25)

JZX-4032 9/10/45, MANFREDI DE BLASIIS, Baroness Anya, X-2, Rome.

15. ALEXEJEFF reported this to ZIMMER who forwarded the information to BISMARCK who in turn gave it to the Italian police. By transmitting the information in this way, ZIMMER not only blew his source, but also made it clear to the Italian police that he himself was working an intelligence network in Rome contrary to the Rome-Berlin pact. The information should have been transmitted to BSHA headquarters. Because of this slip, ZIMMER was recalled to Berlin, and it was only due to the intervention of an influential uncle of his that he was not sacked completely. (Para. G-16)

Abt. VI Representatives at the Aussenkommandos:- Milan: ZIMMER and Untersturmfuehrer HINNEY. (Para. N-119(c)).

(Countess SAVORGNANI) proposed to set herself up as stay-behind agent in Milan to run a trucking firm as cover she was to go to Milan and contact ZIMMER only if this was absolutely essential. (paras. S-198, 199).

Milan: "GIORGIO" - Former SIM Captain who had made valuable economic reports on Allied occupied Italy for ZIMMER in Milan who forwarded them in rough translation. (Para. S-204)

Hans Joachim BOETTCHER. Came to Italy in 1940 on a secret mission from Amt VI, RSHA. Worked first under Groebl, then under ZIMMER, then independently (Para. X-282).

JRX-610 9/8/45, Interrogation of Otto LECHNER, Abt. VI Agent and Official, SCI Z Rome to AC S G2 AFHQ.

SCI Z Rome has been informed that, in compliance with wishes of Mr. Dulles, it is desired to return Lt. Guido ZIMMER, wife KATHIE, and children Klaus Luigi and Luisa to Rome.

In past ZIMMER has enjoyed privileged treatment at hands of non-CI agencies because of his role in operation SUNRISE, although no

such preferential treatment was accorded WOLFF and DOLIMANN, for example, who were of much greater importance to the success of that operation.

In any case, once ZIMMER is in Rome, SCI will desire to interrogate him in detail, and views of AC of S, G-2, CI, AFHQ, are requested in the matter, especially ~~interior~~ as regards G-2(CI) approval of TCA application for ZIMMER and his group.

JZX-6113, 2/11/46. SCI Z Rome Memo to
AC S G2 CI AFHQ.